

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A flushable wet wipe suitable for cleaning a hard surface comprising a substrate having tensile strength of at least 5 N/inch and which is biodegradable.
2. A flushable wet wipe suitable for cleaning a hard surface according to Claim 1 wherein the substrate has tensile strength of at least 5 N/inch in the cross direction.
3. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 1 wherein the substrate has tensile strength of at least 8 N/inch.
4. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 3 wherein the substrate has tensile strength of at least 10 N/inch.
5. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 1 wherein the substrate has an absorption capacity of at least 6 grams of water per gram of substrate.
6. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 1 wherein at least 95% disintegration of the wipe in anaerobic conditions is achieved after 4 weeks of anaerobic digestion.
7. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 1 wherein the substrate is substantially entirely composed of man-made fibres.
8. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 1 wherein the substrate is substantially entirely composed of substantially 100% hydroentangled man-made regenerated cellulosic fibres.

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15. A process according to Claim 14 wherein the surface is a hard surface.
16. A process according to Claim 15 wherein the hard surface is a lavatory surface.
17. A flushable wet wipe suitable for cleaning a hard surface comprising a cleaning composition and a substrate, wherein the substrate has a loading factor of at least 1.5 grams of cleaning composition per gram of substrate and is biodegradable.
18. A flushable wet wipe suitable for cleaning a hard surface according to Claim 17 wherein the substrate has tensile strength of at least 5 N/inch.
19. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 18 wherein the substrate has tensile strength of at least 8 N/inch.
20. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 19 wherein the substrate has tensile strength of at least 10 N/inch.
21. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 17 wherein the substrate has an absorption capacity of at least 6 grams of water per gram of substrate.
22. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 17 wherein at least 95% disintegration of the wipe in anaerobic conditions is achieved after 4 weeks of anaerobic digestion as measured according to the test method described herein.
23. A flushable wet wipe according to Claim 17 wherein the substrate is substantially entirely composed of man-made fibres.

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30. A process of cleaning a hard surface comprising the step of contacting the surface with a wet wipe according to Claim 17.
31. A process according to Claim 30 wherein the surface is a hard surface.
32. A process according to Claim 31 wherein the hard surface is a lavatory surface.

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